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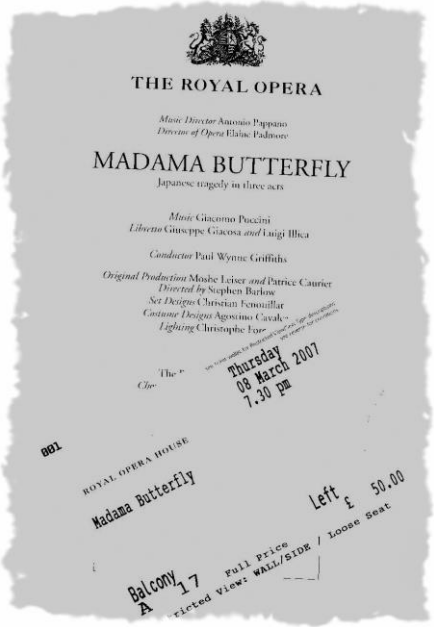
A new volume....

We went to The Royal Opera House in March to see Madama Butterfly and surprise, surprise, I really enjoyed both the opera and marvelled at the grand surroundings. Lynn has been several times but it was a first for me


THE ROYAL OPERA

Music Director Antonio Pappano
Director of Opera Elaine Padmore

MADAMA BUTTERFLY
Japanese tragedy in three acts

Music Giacomo Puccini
Libretto Giuseppe Giacosa *and* Luigi Illica

Conductor Paul Wynne Griffiths

Original Production Moshe Leiser *and* Patrice Caurier
Directed by Stephen Barlow
Set Designs Christian Fenouillat
Costume Designs Agostino Cavalca
Lighting Christophe Forc

Thursday
08 March 2007
7.30 pm

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ROYAL OPERA HOUSE
Madama Butterfly
Left £ 50.00
Balcony A 17 Full Price
Restricted View: WALL/SIDE / Loose Seat

A walk along the river Lee was, as always, very different from what one would expect. Not many people use the tow path and we walked for about four hours, stopping for a picnic by a lake that was a birds paradise.

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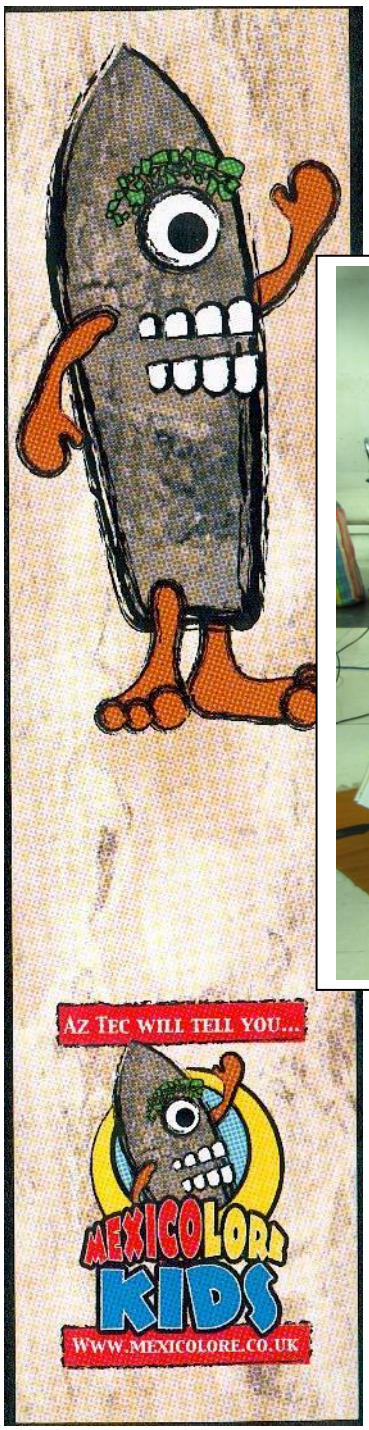
Often an early-year walk in March has some great weather and this March is no exception. Hampstead Heath affords a really great tranquil walk and we always find an area that we have not walked before.

A seat for those with a 'padded bottom'

The Magic Tree ...kid's paradise

The King's Cross development in the distance

Museums are not the stuffy places that I remember as a child. They really are now so child-friendly and we met Tammy and Larnie at the British Museum and there was an 'Inca Story' where the kids were entertained by really great folk and I for one certainly learnt a lot and Larnie joined in with great enthusiasm



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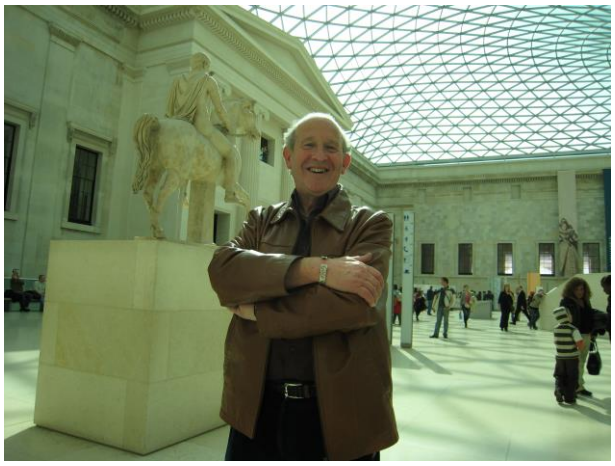
Learning how the Inca paper crocodile is made....



Welcome to my museum....

NO PHOTOS!!!

In May 2007 we went to Heddon's Gate again and considering the rotten summer that followed we had a really lucky few days of fabulous weather.
We had planted the oak saplings in a 'special spot' to remember our folks and by referring to the photos we took at the time we found them and were delighted that they had established themselves in that wonderful setting.
A really fitting natural memorial to wonderful people.

The tranquil walk along Watersmeet

We never tire of this magic cliff-top walk towards Lynton

The 'lunch-stop'

You can spend hours enjoying the rocky beach at Heddon's Mouth

Ronnie has reached the grand OLD age of 65 and still looks great. We celebrated at a lunch at The Radlett Golf club with friends

A proud wife....

Walter enjoying Norma's conversation at their house

Trent Park daffodils in May'2007

In the park...

Grovelands walk around the lake after lunch in the park...March'07

March 2007….Lunch at Tammy & Bens with the family. It is great when all (or nearly all) of the family can get together. We can be thankful for a great family. No big problems and always a laugh from young to old…

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We bumped into Evie and Jim, childhood friends and they looked so happy together. We go back a long way and it is great to see them

A spooky night in Trent Park. A small notice in the local park invited fellow seekers of 'fun and frights' to a Wickerman Walk at 10.00pm at Trent Park. After several strange and hilarious 'encounters' with mediums, spooks and 'incantations we all arrived at a massive 'wickerman' in the woods that had taken days to build. A victim was sacrificed into the effigy and it was lit and created a mesmerising spectacle with an accompaniment of singing, music and chanting

I think that perhaps it is only in London where the pigeons are so respectful that they actually make use of the toilets in the Royal Parks

St. James's Park is always a delight and the May sunshine was enjoyed by locals and tourists.

Trafalgar Square Picnic Time May'07

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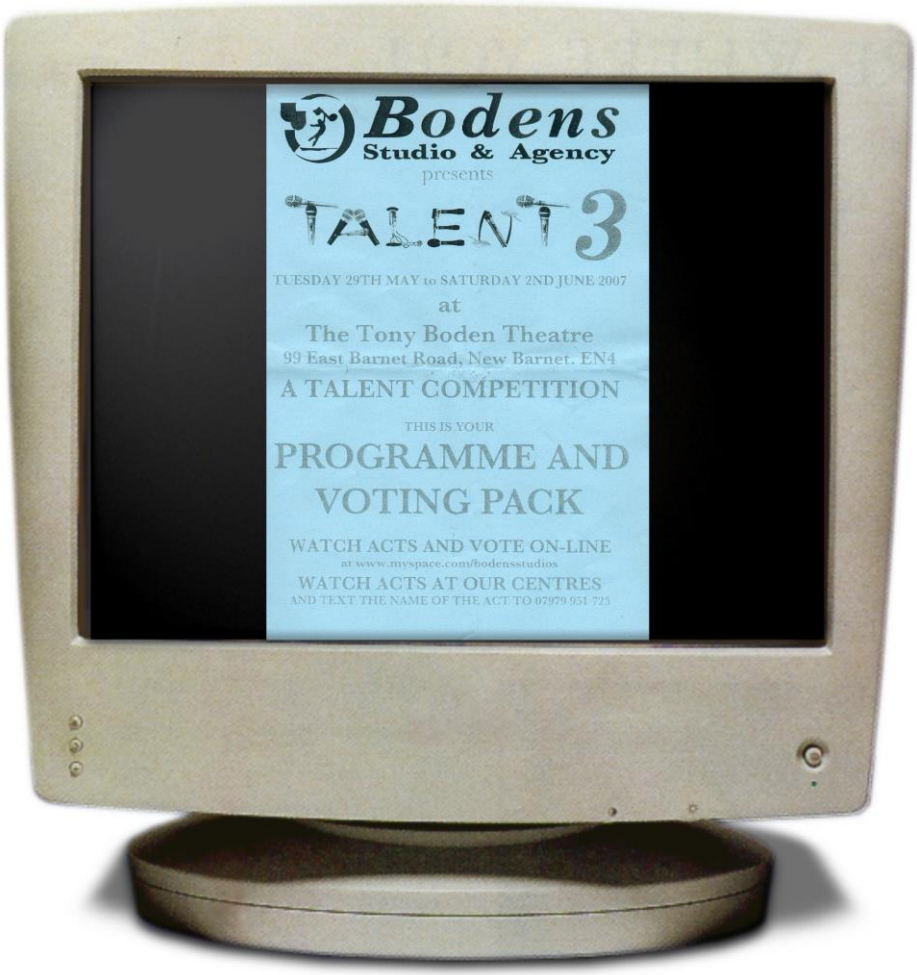

Larnie enjoys Boden amateur dramatics and they produced a talent-syle show that was taken very seriously, complete with a very busy web site with videos of the kids and we enjoyed the evening and were very proud of Larnie's effort – certainly more confident than I was at that age (couldn't even do it now)